



The Ginny Hurley Memorial Scholarship



Ginny Hurley joined the Clerk's Office of the United States District Court, District of Massachusetts in 1976 as a Deputy Clerk. Through the years her responsibilities grew and she touched the lives of virtually every member of the Court family. From 2003 until her passing, Ginny was responsible for organizing all of the educational programs at the Court for the bench, bar and public. Her title of "Outreach Coordinator" reflected the fact that she was the face of the court, welcoming all who came to take part in the judicial system, including dignitaries from around the world, international and national press, and students from down the street, all with grace and a smile. Ginny was a good friend, teacher and mentor. She was a quick wit, and had the ability to make people laugh.

Ginny derived great satisfaction coordinating the Court's summer programs for high school and college students – the Lindsay and Nelson Fellowship programs. She helped nurture and train the next generation to appreciate and participate in the legal progress. In memory of her tremendous work for these students, the Massachusetts Chapter of the Federal Bar Association has established the Ginny Hurley Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship, for books or tuition expenses, will be awarded annually to all graduating Lindsay and Nelson Fellows.

The Lindsay Fellowship

Every year, the Court selects approximately six Lindsay Fellows for a program that lasts approximately nine weeks. Fellows are college upperclassmen with an interest in a legal career. Each Fellow is assigned to a judge during the first month of the program. During that first month, the Fellows also attend an intensive program on legal research and writing with a qualified instructor. Each Fellow is assigned to either the United States Attorney's Office, Federal Defender Office or the United States Probation Office during the second month of the program. Prior to graduation, the Fellows return to the district court to compete in a moot court program before a federal judge.

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The Nelson Fellowship

Every year, the Court selects approximately twelve Nelson Fellows. Fellows are high school students who are encouraged to attend college. Each Fellow is assigned to a judge and works in that judge's chambers. The Nelson Fellows attend trials and other court proceedings with their assigned judge and assist in office operations and court management. The Fellows take part in structured classes in subject areas such as civil rights and public speaking. During this intensive summer program, students meet community leaders, visit local colleges, and are introduced to organizations that facilitate the college application process. The final and most exciting event is the mock trial before a federal judge.

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Donations are welcome. Checks should be made out to **Federal Bar Association – Massachusetts Chapter**. **Please include a note designating the funds for Ginny Hurley Memorial Scholarship.** Donations should be sent to FBA Treasurer Jonathan Handler at c/o Day Pitney, One International Place, Boston MA 02110.